

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10, 18-19, 21-23 have been amended. New claim 29 has been added. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the discussion concerning the outstanding Office Action on March 5, 2007. During the discussion it was acknowledged that the scope of the elected subject matter the Examiner proposed did not cover the elected species selected by Applicants in Applicant's response to a Restriction Requirement filed on August 25, 2006. The R3 substituent of the elected subject matter should include heterocyclic groups. It was also suggested that to expedite the allowance of claims, Applicants could limit the R3 substituent to heterocyclic groups. To help expedite the allowance of claims the Applicants have narrowed the scope of the claims accordingly. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a continuation(s) and/ divisional(s) applications to any withdrawn or cancelled matter.

### 35 U.S.C. §102:

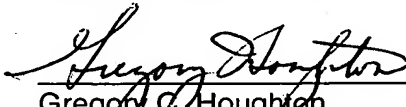
Claims 1-8 and 18-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,095,014). Applicants amendments have obviated this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

### 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 26 and 27 have been withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection with respect to claims 26 and 27 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the remarks and the amendments, further and favourable consideration of the present application and the allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is also invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe that such contact would expedite prosecution of the present application.

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